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SUBJECT: AIR VIETNAM AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS: CESSNA U206C
AND DC 3

REF: 10 FAM 521.6

1. CESSNA U206C OWNED BY AIR VIETNAM, REGISTRATION XVNAQ, WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED ON DEC. 14 AT ABOUT 1600 HOURS LOCAL TIME WHEN PILOT LANDED BY ERROR ON AUXILIARY RUNWAY AT CAM RANH WITH 25-26 KNOT WIND BEHIND HIM, AIRCRAFT OVERSHOT RUNWAY INTO ROUGH TERRAIN. AIRCRAFT, WHICH WAS ON CHARTER, HAD COME FROM PHAN THIET AND WAS TO PROCEED TO NHA TRANG. PILOT, WHOSE RIGHT LEG WAS SEVERELY INJURED, HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED. LONE AMERICAN PASSENGER RECEIVED ONLY SUPERFICIAL INJURY. FUSELAGE WAS DEFORMED, ENGINE DAMAGED, AND PROPELLER BENT. AIRCRAFT APPEARS TO BE TOTAL LOSS.

2. ON DECEMBER 16 AT 0810HOURS LOCAL TIME REGULARLY SCHEDULED AIR VIETNAM DC 3, REGISTRATION XVNIO, WITH 28 PASSENGERS, 2 CREW, AND ONE STEWARDESS, WAS TAKING OFF FROM TAN SON NHUT AIRPORT FOR PHU BON WHEN PILOT CLAIMS HE LOST CONTROL OF AIRCRAFT. AFTER ABOUT 650 METERS IN AIR, AIRCRAFT VEERED TO RIGHT AND FELL TO GROUND ON GRASSY AREA WITHIN AIRPORT. FORTUNATELY NO ONE INJURED. PILOT CLAIMS
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MALFUNCTION OF CONTROL SYSTEM CAUSED ACCIDENT. AIRCRAFT

SUSTAINED SLIGHT DAMAGES AND HAS BEEN GROUNDED PENDING
FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS BY DCA.
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